

SHRUB Intern

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

Students Helping Restore Unique Biomes (SHRUB) at the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is an educational program designed for elementary school (fifth grade) students. The SHRUB Intern will assist with the SHRUB program which takes place on Thursdays/Saturdays at Rancho Sierra Vista-Satwiwa (Newbury Park). Occasional programs may also take place at Paramount Ranch (Agoura) or at the Solstice Canyon (Malibu) site. Interns will assist with logistics, site preparation and maintenance, hands-on lessons, and student supervision.

The 5th grade SHRUB program involves 60-90 students (per participating school) visiting the park every month to learn about and perform native plant restoration. Students also participate in natural history lessons, 1-hour hikes, and are trained to develop and present programs related to their year-long study.

Duties

- Assist or lead SHRUB lessons for up to 30-35 students (per class)
- Prepare and maintain restoration sites
- Assist in nursery operations, including seed collection and propagation
- Develop educational materials and activities (optional)

Requirements

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- Background in biology, botany, ecology, or education is beneficial.
- Current college enrollment or recent graduation from college.
- Interest in restoration ecology and education.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Minimum 16 hours/week; additional hours may be available. Work schedule is flexible. However, must be available on Thursdays from 8:00 am – 1:30 pm to assist with scheduled school program.
- Housing is not available.
- Must provide own transportation to Newbury Park or park headquarters.
- Must have valid driver's license and good driving record.
- A stipend of \$20 for each eight hours worked may be available.
- Fingerprint or background check may be required.

Work Site and Conditions

- Programs will take place at Rancho Sierra Vista / Satwiwa or at the schools in Newbury Park. Occasional programs may take place at Paramount Ranch or Solstice Canyon.

- Position is for the 2012 / 2013 school year. Length of internship to be worked out with the supervisor.
- Position can involve strenuous field work including motorized augering and brush-cutting, digging, and carrying equipment/supplies weighing up to 25 lbs. Interns must be in good physical condition.

To apply, please send letter of application (state how this position would benefit your career), resume, three reference contacts, and unofficial transcript by e-mail to: sheila_braden@nps.gov

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